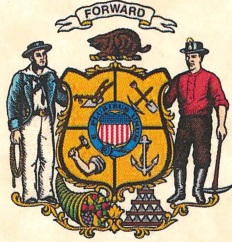


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; chronic, unrelenting stress in childhood can be toxic to a kid's developing brain, resulting in poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

*WHEREAS*; toxic stress can be caused by numerous events and factors in a kid's life, such as repeated abuse and neglect, socioeconomic hardship, neighborhood violence, incarcerated parent, or living with a parent or caregiver with a mental health illness or substance abuse issue; and

*WHEREAS*; Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) can help mitigate the long-term impact of these stressful childhood events by applying the TIC values of safety, trustworthiness, choice, and coordinated services to all environments where kids reside; and

*WHEREAS*; it is critical for Wisconsin organizations, businesses, schools, and public agencies to be trauma-informed; and

*WHEREAS*; a trauma-informed Wisconsin enhances the ability of kids and adults to adapt, cope, and thrive despite challenging times; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is a national leader in TIC and has worked diligently to promote TIC and Trauma-Sensitive work across the state, in counties and tribes, schools, businesses, and child- and family-serving agencies;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

## TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed.  
Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State